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STRATEGIC REVIEW

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11. (C) The Ambassador called on ROK National Security Advisor Kim Sung-hwan on March 30 and conveyed reftel points.

Kim, limiting his remarks to Afghanistan, said that the United States had done a thorough review of the on-going challenges in Afghanistan and that ROK Foreign Minister looked forward to the conference in the Hague on March 31. Undoubtedly, the ROK would continue to contribute toward stabilization of Afghanistan. As of now, the ROK assistance consisted of a medical clinic, a vocational training center, police trainers and police equipment. However, a broader package was under consideration, which could take some time to finalize. President Lee Myung-bak would be prepared to discuss Afghanistan issues with President Obama in London, Kim said. The Ambassador said that SR Holbrooke would be in Seoul on April 16 and that this was another opportunity for Korean officials to discuss the outlook for Afghanistan and Pakistan and the type of assistance needed to help stabilize the two nations.

12. (SBU) Separately, Poloff on March 30 delivered the reftel points to Kim Hyon-Du of the ROK-U.S. Security Cooperation Division in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Kim said that the ROKG was still reviewing the conclusions of the report and did not have an official reaction at this time. However, Kim noted, Foreign Minister Yu Myung-hwan would participate in the Hague Ministerial on March 31 where he is expected to reaffirm the ROKG's support for Afghanistan.
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